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SUBJ: CODEL PRICE LETTER OF THANKS TO HRH PRINCE TURKI

1. IF CONGRESSMAN PRICE HAS NO OBJECTION, EMBASSY PROPOSES
TO SEND FOLLOWING LETTER OF THANKS TO HRH PRINCE TURKI FOR
HOSPITALITY EXTENDED DURING RECENT CODEL VISIT. EMBASSY WILL
STATE THAT TEXT HAS BEEN RECEIVED BY CABLE AND WILL FORWARD
UNSIGNED TEXT UNDER COVERING LETTER FROM AMBASSADOR. EMBASSY
REQUESTS CONGRESSMAN PRICE'S AUTHORIZATION TO SEND LETTER:

2. QUOTE: HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCE TURKI BIN ABD AL-AZIZ,
AL-SAUD, DEPUTY MINISTER OF DEFENSE AND AVIATION, RIYADH,
SAUDI ARABIA. YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS:

I WISH TO THANK YOUR HIGHNESS, ON BEHALF OF ALL MEMBERS OF
THE HOUSE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE AND THOSE MEMBERS OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE TRAVELLING WITH US, FOR YOUR MOST GEN-
EROUS HOSPITALITY DURING OUR RECENT VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA.
THE OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR YOUR POINT OF VIEW AND TO ENGAGE IN
FRANK AND FRIENDLY POLITICAL DISCUSSIONS WITH YOUR HIGHNESS,
WITH HIS ROYAL MAJESTY KING FAISAL, AND WITH HIS HIGHNESS
PRINCE FAHAD WAS EXTREMELY BENEFICIAL AND HAS GIVEN ALL OF US
AN INCREASED UNDERSTANDING BOTH OF THE IMPORTANCE OF GOOD
RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES AND OF THE NEED FOR A
PERMANENT AND JUST PEACE IN THE REGION.

I WAS MOST IMPRESSED BY THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND MATERIAL
PROGRESS WHICH HAS TAKEN PLACE IN SAUDI ARABIA SINCE I LAST
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VISITED THE KINGDOM IN 1957. THE SUMMARY OF YOUR FUTURE DE-

VELOPMENT PLANS AS OUTLINED TO US BY HIS EXCELLENCY HISHAM NAZER, THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PLANNING, WAS ALSO MOST INFORMATIVE, AND IT HAS INCREASED OUR AWARENESS OF OUR MUTUALITY OF INTERESTS IN THE ECONOMIC SPHERE.

FINALLY, I WISH TO COMPLIMENT YOU STAFF FOR THEIR HANDLING OF THE MANY DETAILED ARRANGEMENTS WHICH CONTRIBUTED TO THE SUCCESS OF OUR VISIT, RANGING FROM THE PROVISION OF TRANSPORTATION AND ACCOMMODATION TO THE SUPERB DINNER WHICH YOUR HIGHNESS WAS KIND ENOUGH TO HOST IN OUR HONOR. EVIDENCE OF YOUR WARM AND GRACIOUS HOSPITALITY WAS CLEAR THOUGHOUT OUR VISIT AND I KNOW I SPEAK FOR ALL MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE WHEN I CONVEY TO YOU MY OWN PERSONAL THANKS. WITH BEST WISHES,

MELVIN PRICE, CHAIRMAN, HOUSE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE. UNQUOTE.

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